

**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

{The meeting was held in a hybrid model – in person and via Zoom}

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, Scott Whiting, Martin Grohman, Bobby Mills, Norman Belanger, Liam LaFountain, Doris Ortiz and Marc Lessard were present. Amy Clearwater was excused.

The Council and all that were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda:

ADDITION – Public Hearing Liquor License Maggie Murphy’s Restaurant

ADDITION – Executive session – MRS 405 (6)(D) Labor Negotiations

Game of Chance Applications:

Motion by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to recommend the issuance of the game of chance application to **Amvets Post 1**

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to recommend the issuance of the game of chance application to **Biddeford Eagles**

Vote: Unanimous

Public Hearing: State Liquor License Application – Maggie Murphy’s Restaurant, LLC – DBA Three Sisters Family Restaurant

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:02p.m.

There were no public comments

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:02p.m.

Consideration of Liquor License: Maggie Murphy’s Restaurant LLC – DBA Three Sisters Family Restaurant

Motion made by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to recommend the issuance of a State Liquor License to Maggie Murphy’s Restaurants, LLC dba Three Sisters Restaurant.

Vote: Unanimous

Public Addressing the Council: No public comments

Consideration of Minutes: **November 15, 2022**

Motion made by Councilor Whiting, seconded by Councilor Lessard to approve the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous

Second Reading:

**2022.98) Approval/Amendment/Ch. 30, Administration, Public Safety, Article III Fire Prevention
2022.98 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...First Reading November 15, 2022**

BE IT ORDERED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Public Safety, Article III FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, **Section 30-147 Fire Lanes**, be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ text to read as follows:

Sec. 30-147 Fire lanes.

(a) Purpose. Fire lanes are established for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety and welfare by recognizing that there exist, and will in the future exist, buildings and other areas within the City within which and to which the public will be invited, served or housed. These buildings or other areas must be provided prompt, adequate emergency services, including access by fire fighters and firefighting equipment and other emergency personnel and equipment, in order to accomplish such purposes and effect the saving of life and property in emergency situations.

(b) Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall, in order to accomplish the stated purpose, be applicable to all proposed developments, subdivisions, buildings and other premises as defined by the Planning Board; or, in any other areas within the City that the Fire Chief deems access to public land is necessary in order to accomplish its mission.

(c) Establishment of fire lanes.

(1) Each application for residential or nonresidential subdivision approval and each application for site plan review submitted to the Planning Board shall be reviewed by the Chief of the Fire Department and/or the State Fire Marshal within which such development or building is located. The Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshal shall review each such application to determine the location of such fire lanes as are necessary and report his finding, recommendations and suggested designation of fire lanes to the Planning Board, in writing, which findings, recommendations and suggested designations of fire lanes shall be made a part of the record of proceedings before the Planning Board on each such subdivision site plan review application. In such cases, the decision of the Planning Board shall govern the requirement and designation of such fire lanes.

(2) Within existing developments and premises to which this article is applicable, the Fire Chief shall designate fire lanes by written order and shall notify in writing both the Planning Board and the owner, owners or agents of such development or premises by certified mail of such designation and of any specific requirements for compliance with this article, and shall publish notice of such establishment of such fire lanes once in a newspaper having general circulation within the City. The Fire Chief shall file one copy of any order of designation of any such fire lanes with the City Clerk. Any person aggrieved by such order may file with the Clerk within 30 days after the date of the receipt of such order written notice of appeal, setting forth therein reasons for aggrievement. A public hearing shall be held by the Planning Board, after which the board must affirm, modify or rescind such order within 30 days of the public hearing. The Board shall notify the Fire Chief, as may be applicable, by written

communication, any and all action taken relative to the establishment of a fire lane.

(3) Excepting any fire lane ordered by the Planning Board, a person aggrieved by the creation of a fire lane otherwise designated within this section may file a written appeal. Said appeal shall be consistent with section 30-147(c)(2) above, excepting that the appeal shall be filed with the City Manager or their official designee.

(4) Fire department access roads require 20 feet of unobstructed width, 13.5 feet of unobstructed vertical clearance and an appropriate radius for turns in the roads and dead ends for the vehicles apparatus to turn around.

(d) Compliance. Notice of establishment of fire lanes shall prescribe a reasonable time for compliance, such compliance time being 30 days from time of notification by certified mail. If compliance is not obtained within such time, then the owner, owners or agents receiving such notice shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Section **1-12**. Each day following such specified time for compliance shall constitute a new and separate violation.

(e) Parking prohibited; notice of violation; towing of vehicles.

(1) No person shall park or permit to stand unattended a motor vehicle in any fire lane established in accordance with this article, except when actually picking up or discharging passengers or actively engaged in loading or unloading a motor vehicle.

(2) Whenever any vehicle ~~shall be~~ is found parked in violation of this

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(1) No person shall park or permit to stand unattended a motor vehicle in any fire lane established in accordance with this article, except when actually picking up or discharging passengers or actively engaged in loading or unloading a motor vehicle.

(2) Whenever any vehicle ~~shall be~~ is found parked in violation of this section, any police officer or parking enforcement official shall attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of these regulations. Any motor vehicle found parked or standing in a fire lane that has been established in accordance with this article, in addition to the foregoing, may be towed upon the direction of a police officer or parking enforcement official to any public or private parking facility or area; and all expense of such towing and any subsequent storage shall be borne by the registered owner or operator of such vehicle.

Motion made by Councilor Whiting to Approval/Amendment/Ch. 30, Administration, Public Safety, Article III Fire Prevention , seconded by Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous

2022.88) Approval / Biddeford Climate Task Force Race to Zero Pledge – First Reading November 15, 2022

Motion made by Councilor Whiting, seconded by Councilor Emhiser
Vote: 6/2 – Councilor Lessard and Mills Opposed. Councilors Emhiser, Belanger, Whiting, LaFountain, Grohman and Ortiz in Favor.
Resolution Passes as Amendment

Resolution Requesting the Endorsement of ‘Race to Zero’ Pledge to Reduce Carbon Emissions in Biddeford

WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue with severe local ramifications; and

WHEREAS, addressing climate change is critical to the health of the people, the economy, and the planet; and

WHEREAS, limiting overall global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius will avert the worst impacts of climate change, and

WHEREAS, the City declared a Climate Emergency in October, 2020, creating the Biddeford Climate Task Force, and

WHEREAS, ICLEI is an international non-profit organization that provides technical support to local governments’ efforts toward sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, ICLEI’s Race to Zero is a global campaign established by United Nations Climate and UK COP26 Climate Champions during Fall 2020 in order to rally ambitious leadership from all sectors of society — businesses, cities, regions, investors — in order to secure a future of warming that exceeds no more than 1.5 °C.

WHEREAS, the Biddeford Climate Task Force is working with ICLEI and Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Kittery to prepare a climate action plan by September, 2023 that will set forth measureable goals and actions related to climate mitigation, climate adaptation, and climate resilience to an immediate, just transition and urgent effort to restore a safe climate;

WHEREAS, The Maine Climate Council developed the State’s climate action plan, *Maine Won’t Wait* commits to reducing greenhouse gas emission in the State by 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below those levels by 2050, achieving net-zero emissions by 2045; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the ICLEI’s Race to Zero campaign, the City of Biddeford does hereby ~~commit~~ adopt a ~~to~~ community-wide goal of net-zero emissions by 2050, with a reduction of 62.6% below the 2019 emissions baseline by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Biddeford City Council intends to ~~to~~ adopt a Climate Action Plan, when such is presented by the Biddeford Climate Task Force, and which may be subject such amendments deemed advisable amended after public comment and thoughtful deliberation, such Plan to include ~~with~~ specific policies and implementation actions aimed to achieve the interim goal of 62.6% emission reduction by 2030 and ~~align with~~ the net-zero 2050 goal.

Motion made by Councilor Belanger to amend the Resolution Requesting the Endorsement of Race to Zero Pledge to Reduce Carbon Emissions in Biddeford, seconded by Councilor Whiting
Vote: Unanimous
Amendment Passes

Motion made by Councilor Lessard to offer an amendment that the numbers would be reviewed every two years on anniversary date, seconded by Councilor Mills

Vote: 6/2 – Councilors Lessard and Mills in Favor. Councilors Emhiser, Belanger, Whiting, LaFountain, Grohman, and Ortiz Opposed.
Amendment Defeated

Orders of the Day:

2022.99) Approval – Shoreland Zoning Amendment

2022.99 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..December 6, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Biddeford, Maine to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biddeford by [adding](#) or ~~deleting~~ as follows:

Part III (Land Development Regulations), Article XIV (Shoreland Zoning Ordinance:

Section 9. Overlay Districts and Zoning Map.

A. Official Zoning Map.

The areas to which this Ordinance is applicable are hereby divided into the following overlays as shown on the Official Zoning Map which is made a part of this Ordinance:

- A. Resource Protection (RP)
- B. Resource Protection-1 (RP-1)
- C. Limited Residential (LR)
- D. Limited Commercial (LC)
- E. General Development 1 (GD-1)
- F. General Development 2 (GD-2)
- G. Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities (CFMA)
- H. Stream Protection (SP)
- I. [Waterfront Renaissance \(WR\)](#)

Section 13. Establishment of Overlay Districts

[I. Waterfront Renaissance \(WR\) District. The Waterfront Renaissance District includes targeted areas of Biddeford's former industrialized waterfront located along the Saco River and immediately adjacent to the City's urban core. Intensive redevelopment here is critical to the ongoing revitalization of downtown, with this district supporting a mixture of new commercial, residential and open space development. The Waterfront Renaissance District shall include areas within 250 feet of the Saco River, horizontally measured from the normal high water line.](#)

Table 1. Land Uses in the Shoreland Zone

LAND USES	OVERLAY DISTRICT								
	SP	RP	GD-1	GD-2	RP-1	LR	LC	CFMA	WR
1. Non-intensive recreational uses not requiring structures such as hunting, fishing and hiking	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
2. Motorized vehicular traffic on existing roads and trails	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
3. Forest management activities except for timber harvesting & land management roads	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
4. Timber harvesting	yes	CEO1	yes	yes	CEO1	yes	yes	yes	yes
5. Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting	CEO	CEO1	yes	yes	CEO1	yes	yes	yes	yes
6. Fire prevention activities	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
7. Wildlife management practices	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
8. Soil and Water conservation practices	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
9. Mineral exploration	no	yes2	yes2	yes2	yes2	yes2	yes2	yes2	yes2
10. Mineral extraction including sand and gravel extraction	no	PB3	PB	PB	PB3	PB	PB	PB	PB
11. Surveying and resource analysis	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
12. Emergency Operations	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
13. Agriculture	yes	PB	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
14. Aquaculture	PB	PB	yes	yes	PB13	PB	yes	yes	yes
15. Principal structures and uses									
A. One and two-family residential, including driveways	PB4	no	CEO	CEO	no	CEO	CEO	no	CEO
B. Multi-unit residential	no	no	PB	PB	no	PB	PB	no	PB
C. Commercial	no	no10	PB	PB	no	no10	PB	PB5	PB

D. Industrial	no	no	PB	PB	no	no	no	PB5	PB
E. Governmental and Institutional	no	no	PB	PB	no	PB	PB	PB5	PB
F. Small nonresidential facilities for educational, scientific, or nature interpretation purposes	PB4	PB	PB	PB	PB	CEO	CEO	PB5	PB
16. Structures accessory to allowed uses	PB4	PB	yes	yes	PB	CEO	CEO	yes	yes
17. Pier docks, wharfs, bridges and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland									
A. Temporary	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11	CEO11
B. Permanent	PB	PB	PB5	PB5	PB	PB	PB	PB5	PB5
18. Conversions of seasonal residences to year-round residences	LPI	LPI	no	no	no	LPI	LPI	no	no
19. Home occupations	PB	PB	yes	yes	no	PB	CEO	yes	yes
20. Private sewage disposal systems for allowed uses	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI
21. Essential services									
A. Roadside distribution lines (34.5kV and lower)	CEO6	CEO6	yes12	yes12	CEO6	yes12	yes12	yes12	yes12
B. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving ten poles or less in the shoreland zone	PB6	PB6	CEO	CEO	PB6	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
C. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving eleven or more poles in the shoreland zone	PB6	PB6	PB	PB	PB6	PB	PB	PB	PB
D. Other Essential Services	PB6	PB6	PB	PB	PB6	PB	PB	PB	PB
22. Service drops, as defined, to allowed uses	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

23. Public and private recreational areas involving minimal structural development	PB	PB	CEO	CEO	PB	PB	CEO	CEO5	CEO
24. Individual, private campsites	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
25. Campgrounds	no	no7	no	no	no	PB	PB	no	no
26. Road & driveway construction	PB	no8	PB	PB	no8	PB	PB	PB5	PB
27. Land management roads	yes	PB	yes	yes	PB	yes	yes	yes	yes
28. Parking facilities	no	no7	PB	PB	no	PB	PB	PB5	PB
29. Marinas	PB	no	PB	PB	no	PB	PB	PB	PB
30. Filling and earth moving of less than 10 cubic yards	CEO	CEO	yes	yes	CEO	yes	yes	yes	yes
31. Filling and earth moving of greater than 10 cubic yards	PB	PB	CEO	CEO	PB	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
32. Signs	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
33. Uses similar to allowed uses	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
34. Uses similar to uses requiring a CEO permit	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
35. Uses similar to uses requiring a PB permit	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
36. Recreational Trails									
A. Primitive Trails	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
B. Category 2 Multiple Use Non-Motorized Trails	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14	CEO14
C. Category 1 Multiple Use Non-Motorized Trails	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
D. Category 2 Multiple Use Trails, Including Motorized Uses	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
E. Category 1 Multiple Use Trails, Including Motorized Uses	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB

Section 15. Land Use Standards.

All land use activities within the shoreland zone shall conform with the following provisions, if applicable.

A. Minimum Lot Standards.

	Minimum Lot Area (Sq. Ft.)	Minimum Shore Frontage (ft.)
Residential Per Dwelling Unit		
A. Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal Areas	30,000	150
B. Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Non-Tidal Areas	40,000	200
A. C. Within the General Development 1		
District (within existing structures only)	None	None
<u>B. D. Within the Waterfront Renaissance</u>		
<u>District</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>None</u>

Governmental, Institutional, Commercial or Industrial Per Principal Structure

A. Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal Areas, Exclusive of Those Areas Zoned for Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities	40,000	200
B. Within the Shoreland Zone adjacent to Tidal Areas Zoned for Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities	None	None
C. Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Non-Tidal Areas	60,000	300
D. Within the General Development 1 District (within existing structures only)	None	None
<u>E. Within the Waterfront Renaissance District</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>100</u>

Public and Private Recreational Facilities

A. Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal and Non-Tidal areas	40,000	200
B. Within the General Development 1 District	None	None
<u>C. Within the Waterfront Renaissance District</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

B. Principal and Accessory Structures

1. All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance from the normal high-water line of great ponds classified GPA and rivers that flow to great ponds classified GPA, and one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, [except that in the Waterfront Renaissance excluding areas west of Elm Street](#) and General Development 1 and 2 Districts the setback from the normal high water line of the wetland shall be at least 25 feet, horizontal distance, and in the Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District there shall be no minimum setback. In the Resource Protection District and Resource Protection-1 District the setback requirement shall be 250 feet, horizontal distance, except for structures, roads, parking spaces or other regulated objects specifically allowed in that district in which case the setback requirement specified above shall apply.
4. With the exception of [the Waterfront Renaissance](#) and General Development Districts located adjacent to coastal wetlands and rivers that do not flow to great ponds, and Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities Districts, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the portion of the lot located within the shoreland zone. This limitation does not apply to public boat launching facilities regardless of the district in which the facility is located.

In a [Waterfront Renaissance](#) or General Development District located adjacent to coastal wetlands, or rivers that do not flow to great ponds, or in a Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed a total of seventy (70) percent of the portion of the lot located within the shoreland zone. [In the Waterfront Renaissance District west of Route 1/Elm Street, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed fifty-five \(55\) percent of the portion of the lot within the shoreland zone.](#)

For the purposes of calculating lot coverage, non-vegetated surfaces include, but are not limited to the following: structures, driveways, parking areas, and other areas from which vegetation has been removed. Naturally occurring ledge and rock outcroppings are not counted as nonvegetated surfaces when calculating lot coverage for lots of record on March 24, 1990 and in continuous existence since that date.

When calculating lot coverage for lots of record on March 24, 1990 and in continuous existence since that date, the area of naturally occurring ledge and rock outcroppings not to be counted as non-vegetated surfaces in a shoreland zone shall be deducted from the total lot area before calculating the allowable lot coverage. For example, a 40,000 square foot lot located entirely in a Limited Residential district with 10,000 square feet of ledge reduces the applicable lot area to 30,000 square feet to which the twenty (20) percent maximum non-vegetated surface would be applied being 30,000 square feet times 20% equaling 6,000 square feet.

P. Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities Other Than Timber Harvesting

3. At distances greater than one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland, there shall be allowed on any lot, in any ten (10) year period, selective cutting of not more than forty (40) percent of the volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured four and one-half (4 ½) feet above ground level. Tree removal in conjunction with the development of permitted uses shall be included in the forty (40) percent calculation. For the purposes of these standards volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.

In no event shall cleared openings for any purpose, including but not limited to, principal and accessory structures, driveways, lawns and sewage disposal areas, exceed in the aggregate, twenty-five (25) percent of the lot area or ten thousand (10,000) square feet, whichever is greater, including land previously cleared. This provision applies to the portion of a lot within the shoreland zone, including the buffer area, but shall not apply to the [Waterfront Renaissance](#), General Development or Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities Districts.

R. Exemptions to Clearing and Vegetation Removal Requirements

5. The removal of vegetation associated with brownfields or voluntary response action program (VRAP) projects provided that the removal of vegetation is necessary for remediation activities to clean-up contamination on a site in a [Waterfront Renaissance](#), General Development, Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities district or other equivalent zoning district approved by the Commissioner that is part of a state or federal brownfields program or a voluntary response action program pursuant 38 M.R.S.A section 343-E, and that is located along:
 - a. A coastal wetland; or
 - b. A river that does not flow to a great pond classified as GPA pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A section 465-A.

Motion made by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Whiting

Vote: 7/1 – Councilor LaFountain Opposed. Councilors Emhiser, Belanger, Whiting, Grohman, Mills, Ortiz and Lessard in Favor.

Motion Passes

2022.100) Approval - Commercial Revaluation Award – KRT Appraisal

2022.100 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 6, 2022

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to sign a contract with KRT Appraisal in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for commercial revaluation services with completion of services on or before July 14, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard
Vote: Unanimous
Approval Passes

2022.101) Approval – Special Event Permission for Alcohol – Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce

2022.101 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 6, 2022

BE IT ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions set forth under *Ch. 6, Amusements, Article V – Sales, Possession and Consumption of liquor at and during Special Events on City Public Property*, the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant approval for Biddeford Saco Chamber of Commerce to serve liquor at their Community Beach Party on May 27, 2023 at Gilbert Boucher Park in Biddeford Pool (Rain date: June 3, 2023), providing that the said Biddeford Saco Chamber of Commerce is and remains in compliance with the provisions set forth under Ch. 6, Section 6-178 et seq. Alcohol sales would be handled and managed by co-hosting partner and alcohol sales license holder, Blaze Brewing of Pearl Street Biddeford.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council also approves the issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Biddeford & Saco Chamber of Commerce Community Beach Party on May 27, 2023 at Gilbert Boucher Park in Biddeford Pool. (Rain date: June 3, 2023)

Motion made by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Whiting
Vote: 5/3 – Councilors Lessard, Belanger and LaFountain Opposed. Councilors Emhiser, Whiting, Grohman, Mills and Ortiz in Favor.
Approval Passes

Appointments:

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Anne Daly
Ward 1**

to the *Biddeford Housing Authority*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Gerald Bernier
Ward 7**

to the *Airport Commission*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Carolyn Southwick
Ward 4**

to the *Biddeford Police Advisory Committee*

Motion by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Michael Cantara
Ward 7**

to the *Planning Board*

Motion by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Paul Lariviere
Ward 1**

to the *Shellfish Conservation Committee*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

**Roger Hurtubise
Ward 6**

to the *Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee*

Motion by Councilor Grohman, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Julie Larry
Ward 7**

to the *Historic Preservation Commission*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Cat Bates
Ward 5**

to the *Biddeford Citizen's Advisory Committee*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

**Scott Whiting
Ward 2**

to the *General Assistance Fair Hearing Committee*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Mills to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 6, 2022

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Marc Lessard

Ward 6

to the *General Assistance Fair Hearing Committee*

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Mills to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

One person from the public addressed the Council.

City Manager report:

City Manager Jim Bennett reports that the Police Chief has announced over the next 3-4 weeks there will be a concentrated effort in two areas in the community, one is running red lights and the second is violation of hands-free in terms of operation. In conversation with the Chief, what the desire is for compliance is not to write tickets so the reason they are announcing that they are doing this are with hopes everyone will comply and there will be no violations. However, everyone has been put on notice that we are having an intentional over the next 3-4 weeks direct enforcement action in those areas.

Jim also announces that the City Hall staff will be participating in the holiday decoration competition. He encourages people to come in that last week before the holidays and check out the decorations.

Other Business:

Councilor Lessard mentions that on the Eastern Trail, at the end of Thatcher Brook, between Thatcher Brook and Barra Road there is an encampment that's being built. He was making folks aware that it's there.

Councilor Mills mentioned that he did share with some folks about the Police targeted enforcement that is coming up and the response was "Just in time for Christmas." People are so excited about having target enforcement just in time for the holidays. Councilor Mills goes on to say that he knows it's needed but wanted to share that.

Councilor Mills mentions the discussion at previous meetings regarding possibly looking at Zoning changes for retail and medical cannabis operations and he's had a few people ask him if the Council is going to have any more discussions on that and was wondering if they could have that process begin. As he recalls there was unanimous approval at previous meetings to looking at that.

Jim Bennett responds to Councilor Mills request for opening up discussion on Zoning changes for retail and medical cannabis by saying that the Policy Committee had a discussion that he thinks was held in October. Staff has been doing some research on the topic and that at an upcoming Policy meeting staff will be back with them with some perimeters based on discussion.

Councilor LaFountain mentioned that the Community Meals will be coming up December 15th at the J. Richard Martin Community Center, 5:30pm-7:00pm. He is reminded last time he was there he was having conversations with constituents and one of the ideas that came forward is a more

secure bike rack at the Community Center and asked the Council if this is something they can look at. Another conversation he had at the last meal was regarding snow ban parking. He's noticed a lot of communication that has gone out from the City which is helpful but one of the questions that came up was for newer residents moving up to the North Eastern part of the country and haven't dealt with snow bans, there is less knowledge what to do after the end of the snow ban parking. He asked for that type of communication go out so people are better aware of what to do after the parking ban.

Councilor Grohman wanted to compliment everyone including the Heart of Biddeford who put together the Downtown Holiday Festival. He mentioned how nice it is to have the lights.

Council President Addressing the Council:

Council President Norman Belanger praised Councilor Ortiz commitment for spending her birthday at a Council Meeting. He wished Councilor Ortiz a Happy Birthday and told her she needs to find better ways to spend her birthday. He also asked the Council to consider moving the Council Meeting dates from January 3rd and January 17th to January 10th and January 24th.

Mayor Addressing the Council:

Mayor Casavant wanted to thank the Heart of Biddeford, the volunteers and different organizations for the Christmas/Holiday Celebration. He goes on to say that people tend to forget how much time and energy it takes for volunteers to do these things and it's really appreciated by the Council, himself and staff that they do this and he encourages people to want to volunteer because he thinks it makes the community stronger. He states how important it is to shop and dine locally and in downtown Biddeford itself especially during the holiday season to keep these businesses afloat. Lastly, Mayor Casavant mentions with the holidays approaching, that it's so important with traffic and stuff like that, that people just be kind. He sees a lot of road rage and people being upset he feels it's important that everyone reflects on that.

Motion made by Councilor Belanger to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 7:37p.m.

Executive Session

MRS 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter

MRS 405(6)(C) – Real Estate Matter

MRS 405(6)(D) – Labor Negotiations

Motion made by Councilor Mills to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Emhiser

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 8:31p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Mills to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourn: 8:31p.m.

